



Wed 27 May

Scotlands Theme Park

Unfortunately today, the Scottish weather was not a friend of Chernobyls children :(The day started with some English lessons, with the younger ones and older ones getting taught by a different interpreter with age appropriate lessons.

The excitement soon started building as it got close to the time to go to their favourite outing - a trip to Scotlands theme park, M and D's. The long minibus journey was helped by Ross's special CD of Belarussian and English popular songs. It was great to hear the children singing along so heartily to the Belarussian ones.

After arriving at M and Ds we had a quick snack and drink to top up our energy for a day of fun. We left all our bags in the minibus and cars and this left us free to enjoy the rides. We split the children into to younger and older so that they could enjoy rides that they were allowed on. It was fun to see them walk up to the height boards and do their best standing up straight to meet the required height to get on. If they made it, they often gave a huge excited smile. The helpers split too with half going with the younger ones and half with the older. The younger ones enjoyed some slightly more sedate rides as well as a go on the big dodgems and mini dodgems which were a big hit, along with the apple roller coaster and the water slides. The older ones were much more adventurous going on the flying carpet and much bigger roller coasters. Time passed so quickly and soon it was back to the minibus for lunch. We had a great morning and although it was quite cold it was dry. That changed only a few minutes into our afternoon session with light rain and then much heavier rain. That didn't dampen our visitors enthusiasm very much and they were determined to keep going despite sitting in puddles on seats and getting soaked from the rain. By leaving time they were cold, very wet, but also happy after a day of fun.

Some of them got changed into dryer clothes in the minibus if they had them and we had the heating up full blast to keep them warm. Back at the hall the heating was on and we gave the children spare dry clothes to put on and by the time they all had a wee impromptu snack they were dryer and happier. A good day, with children determined to enjoy themselves despite the weather 😊



